GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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THEFT OF FUEL FROM IOC DEPOT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is aware of the theft of fuel from the Indian Oil Depot situated in Tadali at Chandrapur- Nagpur Highway of Maharashtra as reported in the Dainik Lokmat dated July 15, 2006;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has taken any note of it and taken steps to check this theft; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): A news item appeared in Dainik Lokmat on 15 July 2006 alleging theft/pilferage of diesel from Tank Trucks (TTs) loaded at Tadali Depot for Western Coalfield Limited (WCL) with connivance of employees of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), TT Drivers, Security personnel of WCL and Police. The area described in the news is well outside the IOC Depot boundary. As per IOC, the TTs are sent to customers on rotational basis, except those which are used by the dealers for their own load. IOC has introduced security locking system in TTs to curb malpractices en-route. TTs are checked at customers` end also before unloading and, in case there is any short receipt by the customers, the same is reflected in the receipt copy of the invoice. There was no complaint from the customers regarding abnormal shortage in the recent past.

However, in October 2005, one case of TT was found involved in abnormal shortage/tampering of the TT fittings. Necessary action has been taken as per the Transport Discipline Guidelines.